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SUBJECT: VIET-NAM WEEKLY CEASEFIRE ASSESSMENT, JANUARY 22-28, 1975

PART I - SUMMARY

A. THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS COUNTRY-WIDE WAS DOWN CLOSE TO 20 PERCENT, EVEN THOUGH THERE WAS A SMALL INCREASE IN MR-1 DURING THE PERIOD. THE INTENSITY OF FIGHTING WAS ALSO LOWER, BUT THERE WERE CONTINUING INDICATIONS OF A NEW COMMUNIST SURGE SHORTLY -- PERHAPS IN CONJUNCTION WITH TET. INDEED, AT LEAST IN MR-3, THE COMMUNISTS ARE CONDUCTING AN EXTENSIVE PSYWAR CAMPAIGN, THREATENING BLOODY TERRORISM OVER TET. CASUALTIES WERE LOWER ON BOTH SIDES, WITH GVN KILLED DOWN OVER ONE-THIRD ACCORDING TO INITIAL BATTLEFIELD REPORTS AND NVA/VC KIA OFF OVER 35 PERCENT. IN MR-2 ARVN OFFICIALS IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS ARE WORRIED THAT THE ADVENT OF THE 968TH NVA DIVISION FROM LAOS INTO THE HIGHLAND AREA MAY LEAD TO INCREASED COMMUNIST ACTIVITY THERE.

B. ALTHOUGH THE INCIDENT LEVEL IN MR-1 WAS SOMEWHAT HIGHER THIS WEEK, ACTIVITY WAS RELATIVELY MINOR IN THE MO TAU AND NUI BONG AREA NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS, BUT ARVN DID RECAPTURE HILL 144. PREPARATIONS ARE ALMOST COMPLETE TO PERMIT REGULAR TRAFFIC INTO PHU BAI AIRFIELD TO RESUME. TWO CLEARING OPERATIONS DOMINATED THE SCENE SOUTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS. IN QUANG NAM THE ARVN 3RD DIVISION COMPLETED A SUCCESSFUL MOP-UP IN THE CAM SON VALLEY, WHILE IN QUANG NGAI THE ARVN 2ND DIVISION BEGAN A COMPARABLE OPERATION. RANGER UNITS ALSO CAPTURED NUI NHAN MOUNTAIN SOUTH OF QUANG NGAI CITY.

C. BOTH MILITARY ACTIVITY AND ITS INTENSITY WERE LOWER IN MR-2, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE SEVERAL REPORTS THAT THE TEMPO IS LIKELY TO PICK-UP AROUND TET. ARVN FORCES IN BINH DINH CONTINUED TO HOLD
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THEIR COMMANDING POSITIONS IN THE AN LAO VALLEY AND THE NHONG PASS AREA. THE GVN IS USING LONG-RANGE PATROLS IN THE NORTHERN PART OF BINH DINH TO COPE EFFECTIVELY WITH COMMUNIST HARASSMENT. THERE ARE CONTINUING INTELLIGENCE REPORTS CALLING FOR A SIGNIFICANT COMMUNIST EFFORT TO INTERDICT QL-19 LINKING THE HIGHLANDS WITH THE COAST.

D. ACTIVITY WAS MODERATE IN MR-3, AND CONSISTED MAINLY OF ABFS AND SAPPER ACTIVITY IN THE AREA AROUND SAIGON IN ADDITION TO A STRONG INTIMIDATION EFFORT CALLING FOR TERROR TACTICS

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AT TET. TAY NINH WAS THE MOST ACTIVE PROVINCE, WITH TAY NINH CITY COMING UNDER DAILY ABF. LONG KHANH, AND ITS PROVINCE CAPITAL OF XUAN LOC, ALSO BORE THEIR SHARE OF THE BATTLE THIS WEEK. BIEN HOA AIRBASE HAS COME UNDER ROCKET ATTACK SINCE JANUARY 25, AFTER ALMOST A TWO-WEEK LULL. A GVN EFFORT TO RETAKE NUI BA DEN MOUNTAIN WAS THWARTED BY NVA/VC AA AND ARTILLERY FIRE.

E. DELTA FIGHTING WAS DOWN AGAIN, BUT AN UPSWING IS LIKELY IN THE NEXT WEEK. THE FOCUS IN MR-4 FOR SUCH A NEW SURGE WILL PROBABLY BE KIEN TUONG, KIEN GIANG, AND AN XUYEN PROVINCES. FOUR A-37S WERE SHOT DOWN OVER TUYEN BINH DISTRICT OF KIEN TUONG IN THE NORTHERN DELTA, AT LEAST ONE OF WHICH WAS HIT AT 17,000 FEET. COMMUNIST INTIMIDATION IN THE FORM OF THREATS TO SHELL MOC HOA HAS RESULTED IN THE DEPARTURE OF ABOUT 80 PERCENT OF THE TOWN'S CIVIL POPULACE. A SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT IN KIEN HOA IN THE CENTRAL DELTA WAS THE SHELLING OF THE PROVINCE CAPITAL BEN TRE, IN WHICH OVER 20 CIVILIANS WERE WOUNDED. THE HAI YEN DISTRICT OF AN XUYEN WAS THE MOST ACTIVE AREA IN THE SOUTH.

PART II - ICCS

A. SUBSTANTIVE ACTIVITY WITHIN THE COMMISSION HAS FOCUSSED ON THE POLISH CHAIRMAN OF THE MONTH'S PROPOSAL THAT THE COMMISSION FORMALLY REMONSTRATE TO THE RVN DELEGATION OVER THE XUAN LOC INCIDENT IN WHICH ALL FOUR ICCS DELEGATIONS AT THE SITE SIGNED AN ANTI-COMMUNIST PETITION, ALLEGEDLY UNDER DURESS. NO AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED WITHIN THE COMMISSION ON THIS ISSUE SINCE THE IRANIANS AND INDONESIANS WILL NOT AGREE TO THE ONE-SIDED PRO-COMMUNIST DRAFT THE COMMUNIST DELEGATIONS HAVE BEEN INSISTING ON. MEANWHILE, THE POLES AND HUNGARIANS FORMALLY WITHDREW FROM XUAN LOC, WHEREUPON THE NVA/VC SHELLED IT. THE IRANIANS AND
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INDONESIANS HAVE TEMPORARILY WITHDRAWN FROM MOC HOA BECAUSE OF HEAVY SHELLING; HOWEVER, PA&E IS MAINTAINING THE ICCS COMPOUND THERE FOREREOCCUPATION AS SOON AS FEASIBLE.

B. THE ICCS SECRETARIAT HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED NEGOTIATIONS WITH PA&E ON AN OVER-ALL REVISION OF THE CONTRACT, AND THE DRAFT IS EXPECTED TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE FULL COMMISSION SHORTLY. THE POLES AND HUNGARIANS ARE CONTINUING TO DRAG THEIR FEET ON FINANCIAL DECISIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN NEGO-TIATING LEVERAGE FOR THEIR OWN POSITIONS ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS.

PARTHIII - FPJMT, TPJMC AND RELATED MATTERS

THE DRV/
"PRG" BOYCOTT OF THE TPJMC AND FPJMT CONTINUED INTO I
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THIRTY-SECOND WEEK.

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PART IV -- COMMUNIST MEDIA COMMENT

COMMUNISTS OPPOSE US MILITARY AID SUPPLEMENTAL

A. PRESIDENT FORD'S JANUARY 21 PRESS CONFERENCE NATURALLY PRODUCED

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A FLURRY OF OFFICIAL REACTION FROM THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS. THE DRV FOREIGN MINISTRY ON JANUARY 22 CHARGED THAT THE USG WAS "RECKLESSLY INCREASING" ITS INVOLVEMENT IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA, CALLING THE PRESIDENT'S AID REQUEST "NEW BRAZEN VIOLATIONS OF ARTICLES 1, 4, 14, AND 20" OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT. A WEEK LATER, IT ARGUED THAT THE AID REQUEST PROVED THE US "ONCE AGAIN HAS GIVEN ITSELF THE RIGHT TO VIOLATE VERY FUNDAMENTAL PROVISIONS" OF THE AGREEMENT.

B. THE "PRG" FOREIGN MINISTRY'S REACTION FOCUSSED, IN A JANUARY 22 STATEMENT, MORE ON THE PRESIDENT'S CHARACTERIZATION OF COMMUNIST RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTINUED FIGHTING, CALLING IT "DISTORTION" AIMED AT "PRESSURING CONGRESS INTO INCREASING US AID" AND "MISLEADING PUBLIC OPINION WHICH IS STERNLY CONDEMNING THE UNITED STATES" FOR A WHOLE HOST OF THINGS. BOTH THE DRV AND "PRG" HAVE REPORTED FULLY ALL CONGRESSIONAL STATEMENTS OPPOSING ADDITIONAL AID.

COMMUNISTS AGAIN DEMAND THEIU OUSTER
COMMUNIST ATTENTION WAS PRIMARILY DIRECTED, HOWEVER, AT OBSERVANCE OF THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT. BOTH THE DRV AND "PRG" REPEATED THEIR DEMANDS, FIRST RAISED LAST OCTOBER, THAT THE US END ALL ASSISTANCE TO THE GVN AND THAT THE GVN BE OVERTHROWN BEFORE NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE RESUMED.

PART V -- MR-1

1. SECURITY SITUATION:

I CORPS HQS BRIEFED 155 CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS, AN INCREASE FROM LAST WEEK'S 123. NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS THE SITUATION WAS QUIET EXCEPT FOR LIMITED ACTIVITY IN THE MO TAU AND NUI BONG AREAS OF THUA THIEN (P). SOUTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS, THE ARVN 3D DIVISION COMPLETED A CLEARING OPERATION IN QUANG NAM (P), AND THE 2D DIVISION INITIATED A CLEARING OPERATION IN QUANG NGAI (P). TWO NEW
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RVNAF UNITS WERE FORMED AND ACTIVATED IN MR-1 DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD: THE 4TH AIRBORNE BRIGADE MADE UP OF THE 12TH, 14TH, AND 15TH BNS; AND THE 468TH MARINE BRIGADE COMPOSED OF THE 14TH, 16TH, AND 18TH BNS. GVN CASUALTIES WERE 77 KIA, 353 WIA, 6 MIA. NVA/VC LOSSES WERE 338 KIA, 5 CAPTURED, AND 2 RETURNEES. A TOTAL OF 122 COMBAT AIR SORTIES WERE FLOWN. PARTIAL ABATEMENT OF THE MONSOON RAINS HAS PERMITTED AIR OPERATIONS DURING 5 DAYS OF THE REPORTING PERIOD.

2. NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS:

THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY IN QUANG TRI (P). ON JAN 25TH, AN ELEMENT OF THE ARVN 1ST DIVISION REOCCUPIED HILL 300, SOUTHEAST OF NUI BONG IN THUA THIEN (P). THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED WITH NO RVNAF CASUALTIES BUT 8 NVA/VC WERE KILLED IN THE ACTION. ON JAN 23D, ELEMENTS OF AN ARVN RANGER BN REOCCUPIED HILL 144, SOUTHEAST OF MO TAU IN THUA THIEN (P). GVN SUFFERED 4 WIA; NVA/VC SUFFERED 8 KIA. NO OTHER SIGNIFICANT FIGHTING WAS REPORTED IN THE MO TAU AND NUI BONG AREA. REGULARLY SCHEDULED FLIGHTS INTO PHU BAI AIRFIELD HAVE NOT YET RESUMED. SHIELDS AND REVETMENTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED TO PROTECT AIRCRAFT WHICH ARE PARKED ON THE GROUND LOADING AND UNLOADING. REGULAR TRAFFIC INTO PHU BAI IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

3. SOUTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS:

IN QUANG NAM (P), THE ARVN 3D INFANTRY DIVISION COMPLETED "QUANG TRUNG 1/2/75", A 6-DAY CLEARING OPERATION TO DESTROY NVA/VC BASES AND SUPPLY DEPOTS IN THE CAM SON VALLEY NORTH OF QUE SON (D). NVA/VC CASUALTIES INCLUDED 216 KIA. THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT MILI-TARY ACTIVITY IN QUANG TIN (P). ON JAN 21ST, A HAMLET CHIEF WAS KILLED BY AN NVA/VC MINE NEAR KY ANH (V), TAM KY (D), QUANG TIN (P). ON JAN 21, AN ARVN TWO AND ONE-HALF TON TRUCK WAS HEAVILY DAMAGED WHEN HIT BY NVA/VC B40 FIRE ON HWY 1 IN QUANG TIN SECTOR, NEAR LY TIN (D) TOWN, QUANG TIN (P). ON JAN 23D, NVA/VC ENTERED TRUNG THANH (H), KY SANH (V), LY TIN (D), QUANG TIN (P), ASSASSI-NATED 1 HAMLET CHIEF AND ABDUCTED 1 OTHER CIVILIAN. ON JAN 27, A POPULATED AREA EAST OF PHUOC TIEN (H), TAM KY (D), QUANG TIN (P) RECEIVED NVA/VC SMALL ARMS FIRE WHICH KILLED 1 CIVILIAN AND WOUNDED 1 CIVILIAN. IN QUANG NGAI (P), ARVN 2D INFANTRY DIVISION INITIATED "QUYET THANG A/1/75", A CLEARING ACTION 13KMS SOUTH OF





QUANG NGAI CITY WHICH IS STILL IN PROGRESS AT THE END OF THIS REPORTING PERIOD. BOTH RVNAF AND NVA/VC CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN LIGHT DESPITE NUMEROUS CONTACTS. ON JAN 26TH, THE 4TH AND 12TH RANGER GROUPS CAPTURED NUI NHAN MOUNTAIN, 20KM SOUTH OF QUANG NGAI CITY. ON JAN 21ST, NVA/VC SHELLED 18 RDS 82MM MORTAR

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INTO AN RF BN SE OF DUC PHO (D) CAPITAL, QUANG NGAI (P) RESULTING IN 1 RF MEMBER KIA, 4 WIA, AND 3 CIVILIANS WOUNDED. ON JAN 23, NVA/VC SHELLED 8 RDS 82MM MORTAR INTO PF AND PSDF MEMBERS AT MY TRANG POST, SE OF DUC PHO TOWN, QUANG NGAI (P), RESULTING IN 3 PSDF MEMBERS KILLED, 1 PF AND PSDF WOUNDED. ON JAN 24, NVA/VC CONDUCTED 2 ABFS FIRING 8 RDS 122MM ROCKET INTO NGHIA LAP (V), WEST OF NGHIA HANH (D) TOWN, QUANG NGAI (P), WOUNDING 1 CIVILIAN. ON JAN 24, NVA/VC FIRED 20 RDS 82MM MORTAR INTO A PF PLT SE OF NGHIA HANH (D) TOWN, QUANG NGAI (P), RESULTING IN 1 CIVILIAN WOUNDED. ON JAN 24TH, A PF PLT RECEIVED 12 RDS 122MM ROCKETS NW OF NGHIA HANH (D) TOWN, QUANG NGAI (P), WOUNDING 1 PF MEMBER AND 2 CIVILIANS. ON JAN 24TH, MO DUC SUB SECTOR, QUANG NGAI (P) RECEIVED 2 ABFS TOTALLING 5 RDS 107MM ROCKET RESULTING IN 2 CIVILIANS KILLED, 9 CIVILIANS WOUNDED. ON JAN 25TH,THE NVA/VC FIRED 2 ABFS TOTALLING 8 RDS 122MM ROCKET IN THE VICINITY OF QUANG NGAI AIRFIELD, QUANG NGAI (P), RESULTING IN 1 CHILD WOUNDED. ON

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JAN 25, A POPULATED AREA WEST OF QUANG NGAI CITY, QUANG NGAI (P) RECEIVED 4 RDS 82MM MORTAR KILLING 2 CIVILIANS. ON JAN 26, NGHIA HANH SUB SECTOR, QUANG NGAI (P) RECEIVED 12 RDS 122MM ROCKET FIRE KILLING 1 CIVILIAN AND WOUNDING 1 CIVILIAN. ON JAN 26TH, THE VICINITY OF QUANG NGAI AIRFIELD, QUANG NGAI (P), RECEIVED 4 RDS 122MM ROCKETS RESULTING IN 1 CIVILIAN HOME 50 PERCENT DESTROYED. ON JAN 26TH, CHILDREN HERDING WATER BUFFALO, ACTIVATED A NVA/VC MINE WEST OF QUANG NGAI AIRFIELD, QUANG NGAI (P), RESULTING IN 1 CHILD KILLED, 2 CHILDREN WOUNDED. ON JAN 27TH, IN THE VICINITY OF BINH SON (D) TOWN, QUANG NGAI (P), NVA/VC FIRED 11 RDS 82MM MORTAR, RESULTING IN 2 CIVILIANS WOUNDED. ON JAN 27, NGHIA HANH SUB SECTOR, NGHIA HANH (D), QUANG NGAI (P), RECEIVED 2 RDS 122MM ROCKET AND 8 RDS 85MM ARTILLERY FIRE RESULTING IN 1 CHILD WOUNDED. ON JAN 27, A PF UNIT SE OF TU NGHIA (D) TOWN, QUANG NGAI (P), RE-CEIVED 2 ABFS, 16 RDS OF UNKNOWN TYPE WHICH WOUNDED 1 CHILD AND CAUSED 70 PERCENT DAMAGE TO 1 HOUSE. ON JAN 27, NVA/VC FIRED 4 RDS 82MM MORTAR INTO DUC PHO (D) TOWN, QUANG NGAI (P), RESULTING IN 1 CIVILIAN KILLED, 8 CIVILIANS WOUNDED. ON JAN 27, 2 RDS OF 85MM ARTILLERY STRUCK QUANG NGAI PROVINCIAL CITY RESULTING IN 1 CHILD WOUNDED.

4. ICCS:

ON JANUARY 28 IN ICCS REGION I, THE IRANIAN AND INDONESIAN DELEGATIONS FROM PHU BAI CONDUCTED AN OBSERVATION OF THE SHELLING OF PHU BAI ON JANUARY 26TH. IN REGION II, TWO OBSERVATIONS BY THE INDONESIANS AND IRANIANS WERE REPORTED; ON JANUARY 26 THE TWO DELEGATIONS OBSERVED RESULTS OF THE JANUARY 24TH ROCKETING

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OF MO DUC DISTRICT HQ IN QUANG NGAI, AND OF THE JANUARY 25TH
NVA/VC SHELLING OF QUANG NGAI CITY.

PART VI -- MR-2
1. SUMMARY: MILITARY ACTIVITY AGAIN DECREASED. IN BINH DINH,
ONE SIZABLE ENGAGEMENT OCCURRED AT THE MOUTH OF THE AN LAO
VALLEY, AND TWO SIGNIFICANT CONTACTS TOOK PLACE NEAR THE NHONG
PASS. THE GVN IS PARRYING COMMUNIST HARASSMENT IN BINH DINH
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WITH ITS OWN LONG RANGE PATROLS. GVN INTELLIGENCE SOURCES
EXPECT A MAJOR COMMUNIST THRUST AGAINST QL-19 IN AN TUC AND BINH KHE
DISTRICTS. KONTUM AND PLEIKU REMAINED RELATIVELY QUIET.
THE 4TH RANGER GROUP HAS RETURNED TO PLEIKU, FREEING THE
53RD ARVN REGT TO MOVE TO DARLAC SHOULD THE MILITARY SITUATION
SO REQUIRE. REPORTS FROM SEVERAL PROVINCES INDICATE THE
COMMUNISTS MAY INITIATE A MILITARY HIGH POINT AT OR BEFORE
TET.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY

I. COMMUNIST-INITIATED INCIDENTS:

| | TOTAL INCIDENTS | HIGHLAND | COASTAL ZONE |
|---|---|---|---|
| LAST WEEK: | 62 | 20 PERCENT | 80 PERCENT |
| THIS WEEK: | 48 | 30 PERCENT | 70 PERCENT |

BINH DINH WAS THE MOST ACTIVE PROVINCE WITH 26 INCIDENTS.

II. COMMUNIST PERSONNEL AND WEAPONS LOSSES:

| | PERSONNEL | | | WEAPONS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | KIA | CIA | RETURNEE | CS | INDV | TOTAL WPNS |
| LAST WEEK: | 489 | 03 | 05 | 29 | 76 | 105 |
| THIS WEEK: | 234 | 12 | 05 | 06 | 58 | 64 |

III. GVN PERSONNEL AND WEAPONS LOSSES:

| | KIA | WIA | MIA | CS | INDV | TOTAL WPNS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| LAST WEEK: | 50 | 137 | | 00 | 11 | 11 |
| THIS WEEK: | 31 | 60 | 05 | 00 | 13 | 13 |

IV. GVN ARTILLERY AMMO UTILIZATION (ROUNDS):
LAST WEEK: 17,239
THIS WEEK: 12,907

V. GVN AIR OPERATIONS (SORTIES):

| | TAC AIR | VR | HELICOPTER |
|---|---|---|---|
| LAST WEEK: | 381 | 184 | 1,245 |
| THIS WEEK: | 263 | 191 | 1,032 |

3. BINH DINH: THE INTENSITY OF FIGHTING IN BINH DINH DECLINED
FOR THE SECOND STRAIGHT WEEK. IN THE ONLY SIZABLE CONTACT NEAR
THE AN LAO VALLEY THIS WEEK, A COMMUNIST FORCE

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LAUNCHED A GROUND ASSAULT ON THE 3RD BN OF THE 42ND ARVN REGT 6 KM WEST OF HOAI NHON ON JANUARY 23. THE ATTACKERS LOST 15 KIA AND A NUMBER OF WEAPONS, AGAINST NO GVN LOSSES. OTHER SUBSTANTIAL ENGAGEMENTS TOOK PLACE WEST OF THE NHONG PASS IN PHU MY, WHERE THE 41ST ARVN REGT HAS ESTABLISHED FIRM POSITIONS; COMMUNIST ATTACKS AGAINST THESE POSITIONS ON JAN 23 AND 24 COST THEM 23 KIA AND SEVERAL WEAPONS LOST, WHILE THE 41ST REGT TOOK 3 KIA. COMMUNIST HARASSMENT ACTIVITY, ESPECIALLY ATTACKS BY FIRE, CONTINUED IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICTS. THE GVN IS COUNTERING COMMUNIST HARASSMENT WITH ITS OWN LONG RANGE PATROLS. IN ONE OF THESE, ON JAN 22 IN PHU MY, A PLATOON OF THE 207 RF BN RAIDED A COMMUNIST POSITION KILLING 8 VC AND SEIZING SEVERAL WEAPONS, WHILE SUFFERING NO LOSSES. GVN INTELLIGENCE SOURCES STILL EXPECT A MAJOR COMMUNIST THRUST AGAINST QL-19 IN AN TUC AND BINH KHE DISTRICTS, WHERE THE ROAD IS SECURED BY THE 47TH ARVN REGT. A POW REPORT INDICATES THAT COMMUNIST FORCES MAY CELEBRATE TET 5 DAYS EARLY SO AS TO BE ABLE TO ATTACK THE GVN ON TET.

4. KONTUM: NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACTS OCCURRED. THE 10TH NVA DIV HAS MOVED MOST OF ITS UNITS- INCLUDING THE 24TH, 66TH, AND 95B REGIMENTS-TO THE EASTERN PART OF THE PROVINCE. THE NVA 28TH REGT, HOWEVER, IS APPARENTLY WEST OF THE KRONG POKO RIVER. RECENT COMMUNIST CONSTRUCTION OF CONNECTING ROADS HAS ENHANCED THEIR MOBILITY. GVN FORCES--FOUR RANGER GROUPS AND ONE RF GROUP-- CONTINUE TO RING KONTUM CITY.

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5. PLEIKU: PLEIKU REMAINED RELATIVELY QUIET. ACCORDING TO GVN AIR RECONNAISSANCE, MOST COMMUNIST CONVOYS IN PLEIKU WERE MOVING AT NIGHT IN ORDER TO AVERT VNAF AIR STRIKES. HOWEVER, 16 AIR SORTIES WERE FLOWN AGAINST COMMUNIST FORTIFICATIONS NEAR THE CAMBODIAN BORDER; A BRIDGE AND FIVE 37MM AA GUNS WERE DESTROYED, AND SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS WERE TRIGGERED. REPORTEDLY COMMUNIST TROOPS IN PLEIKU HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO TAKE AN EARLY TET HOLIDAY IN ORDER TO BE READY TO INITIATE A MILITARY HIGH POINT BY LATE JANUARY. OFFICIALS OF THE 23RD ARVN DIV FEAR THE ARRIVAL OF THE 968TH NVA DIV MAY FREE THE 320 NVA DIV TO MOVE AGAINST DARLAC PROVINCE. HOWEVER, THE 320TH DIV IS BELIEVED TO BE SHORT OF PERSONNEL. ITS 48TH AND 64TH REGTS SUSTAINED HEAVY LOSSES IN THE UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO TAKE PLEI ME IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 1974, AND IN ADDITION THE 64TH TOOK SEVERE LOSSES DURING THE 23RD

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DIV'S SPOILING OPERATION NEAR THANH AN IN DECEMBER, 1974. THE
320TH DIVISION'S OTHER REGT, THE 9TH, HAS REPORTEDLY SUFFERED
126 KIA SINCE JAN 1 IN OPERATIONS WEST OF PLEIKU CITY. IN ANY
CASE, THE RETURN OF THE BULK OF THE 4TH RANGER GROUP TO PLEIKU HAS
FREED THE 53RD ARVN REGT (MINUS 1 BN) TO MOVE TO BAN ME THUOT
SHOULD THE 320TH OR 968TH NVA DIV BEGIN MOVING SOUTH. THE 4TH
RANGER GROUP WILL TAKE OVER THE 45TH REGT'S MISSION OF SECURING
QL-19 IN LE TRUNG, WITH THE 45TH REVERTING TO RESERVE STATUS OR
REPLACING THE 53RD WEST OF PLEIKU, IF THE LATTER SHIFTS TO BAN ME
THUOT.

6. OTHER: ON JAN 23, FOUR VNAF AIR STRIKES AGAINST A 40 TRUCK
COMMUNIST CONVOY WEST OF BAN DON IN DARLAC DESTROYED 7 TRUCKS.
A RALLIER REPORT INDICATES COMMUNIST PERSONNEL M DBRL
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CELEBRATED TETIEARLY IN ORDER TO BE READY TO ATTACK THE GVN DURING
TEOWMU THDJGQYH BN#OF THE 53RFSARWN REGT TOGETHER WITH THE REGIMENTAL
RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY HAS MOVED TO DUC LAP DISTRICT IN
QUANG DUC; THE 24TH RANGER GROUP IS ALSO LOCATED IN QUANG DUC.
IT APPEARS THAT THE NVA/VC HAVE EFFECTIVELY CHOKED OFF THE
STREAM OF REFUGEES FROM PHUOC LONG; ONLY 34 PERSONS ENTERED
QUANG DUC THIS WEEK. VNAF AIR STRIKES AGAINST SUSPECTED COMMUNIST
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POSITIONS IN LAM DONG REPORTEDLY RESULTED IN THE DESTRUCTION OF
SEVERAL HOUSES, BUNKERS, AND TUNNELS. ON JAN 23, 32 KM NORTHWEST
OF DUC TRONG IN TUYEN DUC, ELEMENTS OF THE 204 RF BN KILLED 13
AND CAPTURED 1 COMMUNIST, DESTROYED 20 HOUSES, AND SEIZED 4 SMALL
ARMS AND A NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS, WHILE SUFFERING ONE WIA.
ACCORDING TO PERSISTENT RUMORS, SEVERAL SMALL COMMUNIST UNITS HAVE
ENTERED KHANH HOA TO REINFORCE LOCAL FORCES PREPARING TO INITIATE
ATTACKS DURING THE TET SEASON.

7. ICCS: ON JAN 21, THE IRANIAN AND INDONESIAN ICCS DELEGATES
FROM DALAT VISITED QUANG DUC TO INVESTIGATE THE PLIGHT OF PHUOC
LONG REFUGEES. LAM DONG SECTOR OFFICIALS REPORTED TWO ALLEGED
COMMUNIST CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS TO THE ICCS TEAM AT BAO LOC. SMALL
GROUPS OF CIVILIANS IN KONTUM CITY AND IN NHA TRANG ASSEMBLED AT THE
LOCAL ICCS COMPOUNDS TO PROTEST COMMUNIST AGGRESSION.

PART VII -- MR-3

1. MILITARY ACTIVITY IN MR-3 WAS AT A MODERATE LEVEL. THERE
WERE NO MAJOR ATTACKS BY LARGE MAIN FORCE UNITS. THE NVA/VC
EFFORT CONCENTRATED ON ABF'S AND A MAJOR PSYCHOLOGICAL CAMPAIGN
USING LEAFLETS AND RUMOR TO THREATEN TERRORISM DURING THE TET
PERIOD. "YOU WILL EAT YOUR TET CAKE IN BLOOD" IS A COMMON THEME.
ROCKET AND ARTILLERY ATTACKS WERE FAIRLY HEAVY THROUGHOUT THE REGION
WITH CONCENTRATED TARGETING OF TAY NINH CITY AND THE BIEN HOA AREA.
NVA/VC PRESSURE WAS TIGHTENED CLOSE TO THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL WITH
A JANUARY 25 ROCKET ATTACK ON THE MARKET PLACE IN XUAN LOC AND

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NVA/VC REOCCUPATION OF A HAMLET NINE KMS NORTHEAST OF XUAN LOC AFTER A GROUND ASSAULT. SAPPER ACTIVITY CONTINUED IN THE AREA IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDING SAIGON. ONE BRIGHT NOTE WAS THE RE-OPENING BY THE 18TH DIV OF THE LAST STRETCH OF ROUTE 333 GIVING ACCESS FROM ROUTE 1 TO HOAI DUC IN BINH TUY PROVINCE.

2. MR-3 HQS RECORDED 235 INCIDENTS THIS WEEK COMPARED WITH LAST WEEK'S TOTAL OF 273. TAY NINH REPORTED HIGHER INCIDENTS, 79, THAN LAST WEEK'S TOTAL OF 65. LONG KHANH REPORTED 27 AND BINH DUONG 24. MR-3 HQS RECORDED 37 GROUND ATTACKS, 137 ABF'S, AND TWO COMBINED GROUND ATTACK/ABF'S. THERE WERE 14 MININGS AND 45 MISCELLANEOUS INCIDENTS.

3. NVA/VC FORCES FIRED 1,060 MORTAR, 292 ROCKET, AND 165 ARTILLERY
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ROUNDS FOR A WEEKLY TOTAL OF 1,517 ABF RDS. ARVN EXPENDED 30,071 RDS COMPARED WITH LAST WEEK'S TOTAL OF 21,159. VNAF 3RD AIR DIV FLEW 204 FIXED-WING SORTIES ALL BY F-5 AIRCRAFT.

4. GVN CASUALTIES REPORTED FOR THE WEEK WERE 79 KIA, 252 WIA, AND SIX MIA. NVA/VC LOSSES REPORTED WERE 122 KIA, ONE CIA, AND NO RALLIERS. IN ADDITION, VNAF REPORTED 78 NVA/VC KILLED BY AIR STRIKES.

5. TAY NINH WAS THE MOST ACTIVE PROVINCE IN MR-3, EXPERIENCING NEARLY TRIPLE THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS OF ANY OTHER PROVINCE. THE MAJORITY OF THESE INCIDENTS TOOK THE FORM OF ABF'S DIRECTED AT GVN TROOP CONCENTRATIONS NORTH AND NORTHEAST OF THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL. TAY NINH CITY RECEIVED DAILY ROCKET AND ARTILLERY ATTACKS WHICH LEFT 13 KILLED, 51 WOUNDED, AND MORE THAN 120 HOUSES DESTROYED. REPORTS INDICATE THE NVA/VC ARE USING 140MM ROCKETS AS WELL AS 85MM GUN AND 122MM ROCKETS IN THESE ATTACKS. ON JANUARY 22, THE GVN LAUNCHED AN OPERATION AIMED AT REGAINING BA DEN MOUNTAIN BUT FAILED IN THEIR EFFORTS BECAUSE OF NVA/VC ANTI-AIRCRAFT AND ARTILLERY FIRE.

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6. LONG KHANH PROVINCE HAS COME UNDER INCREASED PRESSURE.
THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL OF XUAN LOC RECEIVED 15 122MM ROCKETS ON
JANUARY 25. THE ROUNDS IMPACTED IN THE CIVILIAN MARKET AREA

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KILLING FIVE, WOUNDING 19, AND DESTROYING TEN HOUSES. ALSO ON THE 25TH A COMPANY OF THE NVA 274TH INDEPENDENT REGT SUPPORTED BY LOCAL FORCES INFILTRATED AND RE-OCCUPIED THE BAO CHANH HAMLET.

NINE KMS NORTHEAST OF XUAN LOC. BAO CHANH WAS LOST TO THE NVA/VC FOR A FEW DAYS THEN RECOVERED IN LATE DECEMBER. THE 52ND REGT (18TH ARVN DIV) BASE CAMP LOCATED ONE KM NORTHEAST OF GIA RAY IN LONG KHANH PROVINCE TOOK SUBSTANTIAL CASUALTIES FROM ABF'S ON JANUARY 23 AND 25. IN FOUR MORTAR ATTACKS TOTALING 58 ROUNDS, THE ARVN LOST 11 KILLED, 29 WOUNDED, AND FOUR ARTILLERY GUNS DAMAGED (TWO 175MM AND TWO 105MM - THE 175'S LIGHTLY DAMAGED).

7. IN BINH TUY SOLDIERS FROM THE 18TH ARVN DIV CONTINUED TO MAKE ADVANCES ALONG ROUTE 333 AND IN THE AREA OF HOAI DUC DISTRICT TOWN. IN A SERIES OF CONTACTS WITH NVA/VC FORCES SOUTH OF HOAI DUC. GVN TROOPS KILLED 49 NVA/VC AND DISCOVERED SEVERAL CACHES OF AMMUNITION. ARVN CASUALTIES WERE 7 WOUNDED.

8. ON JANUARY 25, NVA/VC ROCKET ATTACKS RESUMED AT BIEN HOA AIR BASE AFTER A 13-DAY LULL. THE PERIOD JANUARY 25 - 28 SAW FIFTY-SIX 122MM ROCKETS HIT THE AIR BASE AND SURROUNDING CIVILIAN AREA. CASUALTIES FROM THESE ATTACKS WERE TWO KILLED, 11 WOUNDED, AND TEN HOUSES DESTROYED. ON JANUARY 21 IN AN AREA NINE KMS NORTHWEST OF THE AIR BASE, A RANGER POSITION RECEIVED 13 ROUNDS OF MORTAR FIRE THAT RESULTED IN TWO DEAD AND TEN WOUNDED. LONG BINH BASE RECEIVED THREE RDS OF ROCKET FIRE ON JANUARY 26 BUT WITH NO REPORTED DAMAGE.

9. NVA/VC SAPPER UNITS CONTINUED THEIR ACTIVITIES IN GIA DINH PROVINCE SURROUNDING SAIGON. THE MOST SERIOUS INCIDENT OCCURRED ON JANUARY 23 AT SAIGON 10TH PRECINCT POLICE STATION
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WHEN AN EXPLOSIVE CHARGE DETONATED, WOUNDING SIX AND LIGHTLY DAMAGING THE STATION, ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL REPORTS.

10. ICCS: ICCS POLISH AND HUNGARIAN DELEGATES FORMALLY WITHDREW FROM XUAN LOC ON JANUARY 26, CLAIMING A LACK OF SECURITY. INDONESIAN DELEGATES CONDUCTED AN OBSERVATION AT XUAN LOC AND REPORTED FIVE CIVILIANS KILLED AND EIGHT WOUNDED. INDONESIAN AND IRANIAN DELEGATES CONDUCTED AN OBSERVATION IN THE BIEN HOA CITY AREA AT TWO ROCKET IMPACT SITES AND REPORTED ONE CIVILIAN KILLED AND EIGHT HOUSES DAMAGED.

PART VIII - MR-4

1. MILITARY SITUATION: (A) OVERALL SECURITY: DELTA FIGHTING CONTINUED TO DECLINE THIS WEEK, BUT GVN IS PREPARING FOR NEW SURGE EXPECTED IN ABOUT A WEEK. IF EXPECTED HIGH-

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POINT MATERIALIZES, CURRENT "LOWPOINT" WILL BE SHORTEST AND
MOST ACTIVE IN SEVERAL MONTHS. PRIMARY THREAT AREAS IN
COMING MONTH APPEAR TO BE KIEN TUONG AND AN XUYEN, BUT TROOP
POSITIONING IN KIEN GIANG INDICATES POSSIBILITY OF HEAVY
FIGHTING THERE AS WELL. FOR THE WEEK, MR4 REPORTS 502
NVA/VC-INITIATED INCIDENTS (735 LAST WEEK) CONSISTING OF 47
GROUND ATTACKS (100), 2 INFILTRATIONS (12), 325 ABF'S (464),
109 HARASSMENTS (131), 9 SABOTAGE (22), 7 TERRORIST INCIDENTS (4),
AND 3 OTHER INCIDENTS. GVN LOSSES WERE 222 KIA (378), 934 WIA
(1239), 218 MIA (247), AND 20 CREW-SERVED (17) AND 623
INDIVIDUAL (480) WEAPONS LOST. CORPS CLAIMS 672 VC/NVA KILLED
(902), 28 PRISONERS AND SUSPECTS CAPTURED (36), AND 22 CREW-
SERVED (30) AND 181 INDIVIDUAL (190) WEAPONS SEIZED.
(B) NORTHERN DELTA: KIEN TUONG PROVINCE WAS QUIETER, BUT VNAF
CONTINUED TO FLY SORTIES OVER NVA STAGING AND STORAGE AREAS.
FOUR A-37'S WERE SHOT DOWN OVER TUYEN BINH (D). AT LEAST
ONE A-37 WAS HIT AT 17,000 FEET, AND 4TH AIR DIVISION A-2
BELIEVES NEW TYPE ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSLE MAY HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED
TO DELTA. IN TUYEN NHON (D), 9TH ARVN DIVISION
ELEMENTS HAVE MOVED UP TO SOUTHERN BANK OF VAM CO TAY AND
ARE SO FAR RECEIVING ONLY SMALL ARMS FIRE AND PERIODIC
SHELLINGS FROM NVA TROOPS ON NORTH BANK. MOC HOA HAS BEEN
QUIET FOR SEVERAL DAYS, BUT THREAT OF SHELLING HAS CAUSED
ALL BUT ABOUT 3,000 OF TOWN'S 15,000 CIVILIAN POPULATION TO
LEAVE. ACTIVITY IN DINH TUONG PROVINCE DROPPED SHARPLY WITH
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ONLY A FEW ATTACKS ON VILLAGE OFFICES AND NONE OVERRUN OR
ABANDONED. THERE WAS ONE INCIDENT IN MY THO IN WHICH A

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GROUP REPORTED TO BE VC INFILTRATORS ATTACKED A PSDF SQUAD;
ONE PSDF AND ONE SPECIAL POLICE WERE REPORTED MISSING. ROAD
INCIDENTS WERE DOWN, BUT THERE WAS A DAYTIME B-40 FIRING AT
THE BEN TRANH DISTRICT CHIEF'S JEEP ON HIGHWAY 4; 2 PF WERE
KILLED. IN GO CONG PROVINCE, AN RF INTER-BATTALION GROUP
IS OPERATING NEAR THE HOA DONG/CHO GAO DISTRICT BORDER, BUT
HAS NOT YET MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTACT. ACTIVITY IN KIEN PHONG
PROVINCE WAS AGAIN CENTERED IN NORTHERN HONG NGU (D) WHERE
TWO UNIDENTIFIED NVA/VC UNITS PRESSURED GVN OUTPOSTS,
PARTICULARLY IN THUONG PHUOC (V). HOWEVER, ALL GVN
POSITIONS HELD AND SECTOR CONTINUES ITS APPARENTLY SUCCESSFUL
EFFORT TO KEEP THE OTHER SIDE OFF-BALANCE AND OUT OF POPULATED

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AREAS. IN CHAU DOC PROVINCE, A VC COMPANY ATTACKED AN CU (V),
TRI TON (D) KILLING 3 PF AND 10 CIVILIANS. NEARBY BA CHUC (V)
WAS ALSO ATTACKED, WITH 3 PSDF KILLED AND 2 MISSING.
(C) CENTRAL DELTA: ACTIVITY IN KIEN HOA PROVINCE AS A
WHOLE DECLINED, BUT NVA/VC PRESSURE ON DON NHON AND MOC CAY
DISTRICTS INCREASED. ONE VILLAGE IN DON NHON WAS ATTACKED,
BUT GVN REACTION KILLED 12 NVA/VC WHILE A SSS COMMANDER,
HAMLET CHIEF, AND 2 POLICE WERE WOUNDED. IN MO CAY (D), AN
RF BATTALION KILLED 22 IN A CLASH WITH ELEMENTS OF THE DONG
THAP 1 REGIMENT WHILE SUFFERING 2 KIA. MOST SIGNIFICANT
INCIDENT ELSEWHERE IN PROVINCE WAS SHELLING OF BEN TRE, THE
PROVINCE CAPITAL, WHICH WOUNDED 27 PEOPLE INCLUDING 21
CIVILIANS; ONE OF THE CIVILIANS LATER DIED. IN VINH BINH
PROVINCE, 5 MORE VILLAGES WERE OVERRUN OR FORCED TO WITHDRAW -
3 IN TRA CU (D), ONE IN TIEU CAN (D) AND ONE IN CANG LONG (D).
ONE OF THE VILLAGES OVERRUN IN TRA CU HAS BEEN RETAKEN.
GVN PRESENCE IS NOW MUCH REDUCED IN SOUTHERN HALF OF
PROVINCE. THE SECTOR RECON FORCE SCORED A VICTORY ABOUT 2
KM FROM THE PROVINCE TOWN BY KILLING 17 VC, BUT AN RF BATTALION
IN CAU NGANG (D) SUFFERED 15 MIA AND 17 WIA IN AN AMBUSH.
FIGHTING IN VINH LONG PROVINCE CONTINUED AT A MODERATE LEVEL
WITH MOST ACTIVITY IN TRA ON (D). MOST INCIDENTS WERE
BATTALION-SIZE CONTACTS, MOST SIGNIFICANT OF WHICH WAS
IN EASTERN TRA ON (D) WHERE AN RF BATTALION KILLED 11 VC.
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TAM BINH DISTRICT TOWN WAS MORTARED BY 20 ROUNDS OF 82MM
WHICH WOUNDED 7. ACTIVITY IN SA DEC PROVINCE CONTINUED
TO INCREASE WITH 4 MORE OB'S AND WATCHTOWERS ABANDONED AND
2 VILLAGE OFFICES REPULSING GROUND ATTACKS. PHONG DINH
PROVINCE WAS GENERALLY QUIET, BUT 15 VC WERE KILLED BY
AIRSTRIKES IN SW PHONG PHU (D) AFTER THEY CAME IN CONTACT
WITH AN RF BATTALION. KIEN GIANG PROVINCE REMAINED ACTIVE,
BUT MOST INCIDENTS WERE LIGHT CONTACTS AND ABF'S. NVA/VC
TROOPS WERE SIGHTED WITH INCREASING FREQUENCY AROUND RACH
GIA, AND SECTOR EXPECTS PRESSURE ON LOC'S AND SHELLINGS
OF THE CITY DURING THE COMING HIGHPOINT. NVA 18B REGIMENT
HAS REPORTEDLY MOVED TO POSITIONS AROUND KIEN BINH DISTRICT
TOWN, WHICH WAS HIT WITH MORE THAN 100 MORTAR ROUNDS IN ONE
AFTERNOON; 3 WERE KILLED AND 23 WOUNDED.
(D) SOUTHERN DELTA: ACTIVITY IN BA XUYEN PROVINCE CONTINUED
TO DECLINE TO THE PRE-DECEMBER HIGHPOINT LEVEL. TWO OB'S
IN THUAN HOA (D) WERE ABANDONED DURING GROUND ATTACKS, BUT A
VILLAGE HQ IN HOA TU (D) REMAINED IN GVN HANDS DESPITE 7
ABF'S AND A GROUND ATTACK. THE VILLAGE LIES ON THE RICE
EXPORT ROUTE FROM BAC LIEU, AND CONTINUED PRESSURE IS
EXPECTED IN THAT AREA. IN BAC LIEU PROVINCE, AN OB IN VINH
CHAU (D) AND ANOTHER IN GIA RAI (D) WERE ABANDONED UNDER
PRESSURE. ALSO IN GIA RAI, A COMBINED RF/PF/PSDF UNIT MADE
CONTACT RESULTING IN 5 GVN WIA, 3 MIA, AND 8 VC KILLED. IN
CHUONG THIEN PROVINCE, ELEMENTS OF 31ST AND 32ND ARVN REGIMENTS

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CONDUCTED SEVERAL SWEEPS NW OF VI THANH. THOUGH CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES WERE LIGHT, ARVN TROOPS CAPTURED SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES OF WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION AND DESTROYED SEVERAL NVA/VC REAR SERVICE FACILITIES. KIEN HUNG SUB-SECTOR WAS SHELLED 3 TIMES CAUSING NO DAMAGE, WHILE VI DUC (V) IN NORTHERN DUC LONG (D) CONTINUED TO BE SUBJECTED TO FREQUENT ABF'S. IN AN XUYEN PROVINCE, 2 MORE OB'S IN QUAN LONG (D) WERE RETAKEN, BUT THE GVN LOST 4 OB'S IN HAI YEN (D) WHERE MOST OF THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITY WAS CONCENTRATED. AN RF BATTALION AND 21ST DIVISION RECON ELEMENTS WERE DEPLOYED TO REINFORCE HAI YEN DISTRICT HQ. TWO VILLAGE HQ'S WERE ABANDONED DURING THE PERIOD - ONE IN DAM DOI (D) AND ONE THOI BINH (D).

2. ICCS ACTIVITIES: (A) ICCS REGION VI RECEIVED COMPLAINTS OF 17 CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS BUT CONDUCTED AN OBSERVATION ON ONLY ONE, A SHELLING OF MOC HOA LATE LAST WEEK IN WHICH 1 WAS
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KILLED AND 12 WOUNDED. REGION VII RECIEVED COMPLAINTS OF 58 CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS BUT MADE NO INVESTIGATIONS OR OBSERVATIONS. (B) IRANIAN AND INDONESIAN TEAMS HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM MOC HOA. THE LAST IRANIANS LEFT ON JANUARY 27.

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